It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 8th day of January 1994. A special welcome to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

Let's take a short break, but don't go away, because when we come back we'll have a language lesson, news from Radio Free Europe and BALT-L as well as local community events, so please stay with us...

As a service to our English speaking listeners, we present this summary of the week's news stories from Lithuania as well as items of local interest, read in English. Our news comes to us courtesy of the Open Media Research Institute by way of the Internet. Email services are graciously provided by John Carroll University Computer Network Services.

LITHUANIAN MILITARY TRANSIT ISSUES WITH RUSSIA. Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius told a press conference in Vilnius on 5 January that Russian troops are continuing to transit Lithuania in accordance with an agreement signed in November 1993 for their withdrawal from Germany. Although Slezevicius has repeatedly stated that all countries have to comply with the government's rules for the transit of military and dangerous cargoes from 1 January 1995, he said intensive talks are still under way with Russia on various issues. Slezevicius might settle the transit question and other questions such as granting mutual most-favored-nation status at a planned meeting in late January with his Russian counterpart, Viktor Chernormyrdin. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

LITHUANIA REFUSES RESIDENCY TO FORMER SOVIET ACTIVIST. As reported last week, Ceslovas Blazys, director of the Lithuanian Migration Department said that immigration authorities had turned down the residency request of Valerii Ivanov, the former leader of the pro-Soviet Edinstvo organization, and have asked him to leave the country by 22 January. If Ivanov does not depart by that time he could be forcibly deported and not be allowed to return to Lithuania for five years. Ivanov, a Russian citizen born in Lithuania, was released in October after serving a three-year sentence for participating in the January 1991 attempt to overthrow the Lithuanian government. Ivanov speaks operly of his plans to continue political activiities among Lithuania's Russian community and immigration officials believe that he could be a threat to the country's security and public order. -- Saulius Girnius , OMRI, Inc.